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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4798

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 2879

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, CU, VE, CS

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA

REF: STATE 158486

1. I SPOKE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO THIS MORNING ON THE SUBJECT PER REFTEL. FACIO TOLD ME THAT VENEZUELA IS TRYING TO EXERT A LITTLE BLACKMAIL ON COSTA RICA, THREATENING TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT FOR COSTA RICA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL IF COSTA RICA DOES NOT SUPPORT THE VENEZUEWKN/ CUBAN INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS TACTIC BECAUSE COSTA RICA DOES NOT NEED VENEZUELA'S VOTE FOR THE SC CANDIDACY. HE OBSERVED THAT THE LA CAUCUS WAS MEETING TOMORROW, AUGUST 14, ED WILL CERTAINLY DESIGNATE COSTA RICA AS THE LA CANDIDATE. HE ADDED THAT THE  
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COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR INCARACAS WAS BEING

IMPORTUNED WITH PLEAS FOR COSTA RICA NOT  
TO BE LEGALISTIC ON THE CUBAN QUESTION.

2. FACIO SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD COLOMBIA  
WAS WAVERING AND THAT HE (FACIO) WAS THINKING  
TO LLKING A QUICK ONE-DAY TRIP TO BOGOTA TO  
TALK TO VASQUEZ.

3. IN REPLY TO MY SPECIFIC QUESTION, FACIO  
SAID THAT COSTA RICA'S POSITION REMAINED  
THE SAME: IT WOULD OPPOSE THE VENEZUELAN  
RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT IN FACT IF VENEZUELA  
DOES NOT GET COSTA RICA'S SUPPORT, IT WILL  
PROBABLY NOT PRESENT THE RESOLUTION TO THE  
OAS COUNCIL AT ALL. FACIO WENT  
ON TO SAY THAT HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED  
THE FULL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION FROM HIS  
AMBASSADOR IN CARACAS. HE SAID HE COULD  
NOT IMAGINE THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING  
NEW ON THIS RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CHANGE  
HIS (FACIO'S) MIND BUT HE WOULD WANT TO SEE IT.  
I OFFERED TO PROVIDE HIM A COPY OF THE  
RESOLUTION AS WE HAD RECEIVED IT FROM  
EMBASSY CARACAS AND WHICH I UNDERSTOOD  
WAS PRESENTED TO ALL OAS AMBASSADORS ON  
AUGUST 8. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.  
(COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW IF FACIO WAS  
LEAVING THE DOOR SLIGHTLY AJAR FOR A  
SWITCH SHOULD HE FIND IT POLITICAL, I.E.,  
CLAIMING THAT THERE WAS SOME NEW ELEMENT  
HE HAD NOT EARLIER BEEN AWARE OF. HOWEVER,  
MY IMPRESSION IS THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE.)

4. WITH REFERENCE TO COSTA RICA'S "ALTERNATIVE", I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD HAVE FURTHER  
COMMENTS FOR HIM LATER BUT THAT HE HAD  
DOUBTS ABOUT THE CONCEPT ON JURIDICAL AS  
WELL AS POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE SAID HE COULD  
UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL OBJECTIONS, AND  
HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN OUR COMMENTS  
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ON THE JURIDICAL POSITION.  
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